

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAR 24 2004

**OFFICIAL****FAX TRANSMISSION****DATE:****PTO IDENTIFIER:** Application Number 10/689,529-Conf. #8636  
Patent Number**Inventor:** Francesco Caeran et al.**MESSAGE TO:** US Patent and Trademark Office**FAX NUMBER:** (703) 872-9306**FROM:** CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP

Brian J. Hairston

**PHONE:** (202) 331-7111**Attorney Dkt. #:** 22106-00044-US**PAGES (Including Cover Sheet):** 49**CONTENTS:** Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);  
PTO/SB08 (1 page) w/2 references; and  
Certificate of Fax Transmission (1 page).

If your receipt of this transmission is in error, please notify this firm immediately by collect call to sender at (202) 331-7111 and send the original transmission to us by return mail at the address below.

This transmission is intended for the sole use of the individual and entity to whom it is addressed, and may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. You are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or duplication of this transmission by someone other than the intended addressee or its designated agent is strictly prohibited.

**CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP**  
1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036-3425  
Telephone: (202) 331-7111 Facsimile: (202) 293-6229

PTO/SB/97 (12-97)

Approved for use through 9/30/00. OMB 0651-0031

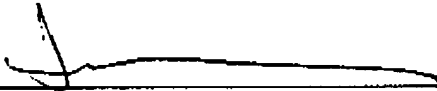
Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## Certificate of Transmission Under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on

3/24/04  
Date  
SignatureJeffery F. McCuller

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

**Note:** Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);  
PTO/SB08 (1 page) w/2 references; and  
Certificate of Fax Transmission (1 page).